

Farley Assails Dewey Sabotage of Soldier Vote

Urges Special State Session To Amend Law

State Democratic Chairman James A. Farley attacked Governor Dewey's Soldier Vote Law as a "soldiers cannot vote" measure and demanded a special session of the State Legislature to amend it, over WABC and a CBS state-wide hook-up.

Farley's insistence upon a special session follows similar demands by American Labor Party officials and labor and civic groups throughout the state. Dewey has twice curtailed down these demands.

The broadcast last night was in answer to the Governor's recital of his record over the same network last Friday. Farley hinted in his speech that other issues raised by Dewey would be dealt with "at a later date."

This carries the possible implication that Farley will enter the lists against Dewey in the election campaign. Up to a few weeks ago the Governor was privately expressing hope that he and Farley "would be working together" in the campaign.

FOUR TRIPS

In analyzing the Dewey soldier ballot, the State Democratic chairman showed that four mail trips would be needed between the soldier and the state.

First, an application must be sent to the soldier. Second, he must return it. Third, a ballot must be sent to the soldier. Fourth, he must return that. Moreover, Farley pointed out, the soldier must first be told that he should ask for an application. This is not provided for in the law.

"The delays and losses . . . will be so great that in the end it is doubtful if more than one out of ten service votes will ever reach the polls before Nov. 5," Farley said. The law requires that soldier ballots be in on that date, which is four days before Election Day.

Farley quoted chairman William T. Simpson of the State War Ballot Commission as predicting that 250,000 soldiers would cast ballots this year. This, he said, was an admission that under the present law only one of every four soldiers would be able to vote.

But even this, he insisted, Simpson recognized as over-optimistic since the War Ballot Commission chairman has ordered only 200,000 applications.

PROPOSED CHANGES

The Democrats offered 11 amendments to the law when it was being considered in the Legislature, Farley said. "But Governor Dewey refused to permit such bi-partisan collaboration and insisted on his bill being adopted without the crossing of a 'T' or the dotting of an 'I'."

Farley proposed, as a solution to the tangle, that the law be amended so that ballots be sent to all members of the armed services for whom names and addresses are submitted by friends or relatives.

A second major criticism directed at the State law was the fact that Nov. 3 is the final date for receiving war ballots from soldiers. Last year ballots could be received up to Dec. 10.

Farley claimed that the current setup requires a soldier to vote several weeks before Election Day, when issues have not yet been clarified. He proposed that soldiers be allowed to send their ballots up to Election Day, with Dec. 1 as the final date on which they have to be received.

He questioned Dewey's motives in passing the present law by citing Dewey's message to the Legislature in which the Governor attacked the federal vote bill and said that under a state law "every soldier can be provided with a ballot . . . The use of the word 'can' instead of 'will,' Farley claimed, makes it necessary to question the Governor's sincerity.

He warned about creating a situation such as was prevalent after the last war when the boys came home and found that Prohibition had been foisted upon them. Failure to allow them to vote, he said, would create similar bitterness.

Lombardo Leads ILO Fight To Unseat Argentine Bloc

By George Morris
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

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Pa. AFL Unanimously for FDR

Defendants Harass Sedition Trial Judge

By Art Shields
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Defense attorneys hope to drag out the Nazi conspiracy trial until after the November election—perhaps until 1945, it was revealed here today.

James J. Laughlin, who represents Klansman Edward James Smythe, today told reporters that the trial will last nine months—that is, into next year. Other attorneys for the fascist defendants predict a very long trial.

Meanwhile the defense is using delaying tactics for propaganda against America's Commander-in-Chief Pro-fascist papers like the Chicago Tribune are playing up this propaganda.

There was no regular trial session today. Smythe testified at a special hearing at which Justice Edward C. Eicher ruled he was a bail-jumper.

The burly Klansman began crying "political persecution" almost at once today. He wasn't handcuffed by FBI men who picked him up at the trial.

A court-supervised election of officers in the union's Local 74 and an accounting of union funds were assured by a stipulation signed by attorneys for Moreschi and attorneys for the rank and file.

Moreschi's lawyers agreed after investigation, spurred by Local 74 and file, had resulted in a grand jury probe which indicted the international president, secretary-treasurer, the union's Washington representative and ten others on larceny and conspiracy charges involving \$300,000 in embezzlements.

John Borgs.

They are now out on bail.

Court actions seeking the supervised election and accounting of funds were pressed by the rank and file simultaneous with the grand jury probe.

The stipulation gives members what they have been demanding for many months, Hyman N. Gluckstein of New York, and Samuel Levine of Washington, lawyers for the rank and file, commented.

"We are grateful at the successful outcome of the case," they said. "It vindicates a long struggle. The stipulation provides the opportunity for the membership to establish a genuinely honest and democratic union with leadership fully responsive to the membership."

This is the third Hod Carriers International local victory. New York City's Sandhogs Local 147 and Newburgh, N. Y., Local 17, where members were also represented by Gluckstein, carried through similar actions previously.

Patton Now on European Front

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Green-Hutcheson Disunity Tactics Snuffed Under

By Walter Lowenfels
(Special to the Daily Worker)

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 21.—The Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, representing more than 325,000 workers, voted unanimously today "in favor of President Roosevelt for a fourth term, by draft if necessary, and instructed their officers and State Executive Council to do everything in their power to effectuate this motion."

Following the vote the 833 delegates attending this 43rd annual state convention rose to give the President a cheering ovation, with only a handful of followers of William Hutcheson, carpenters' chief, keeping their seats.

The draft-Roosevelt decision which brought the convention to a close climaxed a week of intense behind-the-scenes activity by Lewis Hines, representative of William Green, president of the AFL, and a handful of other Republican henchmen to keep the Pennsylvania AFL from calling for a fourth term.

SPEARHEADS MOVE

To register their desire for Roosevelt the delegates voted down the recommendation of their political action committee to refer the question of presidential endorsement "for bargaining" to the new state executive council which will not meet until July.

Joseph Burke, president of the power trades council, and chairman of the resolutions committee, led the revolt of the delegates against the clique in the AFL executive council attempt of Woll-Hutcheson to throttle the draft-Roosevelt move.

Burke took the mike repeatedly to urge the delegates to take a forthright position, and not be "jellyfish."

"It is disagreeable," he told a hushed convention today, "to find myself opposing people I have to live with. I am torn between my desire to go along with the team, and on the other hand, to find myself faced with the responsibility of a vacillating stand."

Smythe was adjudged a wilful bail-jumper at the end of the hearing. Joseph B. Goldstein, agent for bondsmen, who had put up his \$1,000 bail, testified that he had told Smythe that the trial was April 17.

When he phoned Smythe's residence at 401 W. 46th St., New York, to notify him again, the voice at

the door was that of the Team-

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Yank Bombers Again Blast Wake

PEARL HARBOR, April 21 (UP).—American Liberators bombers hit tiny Wake Island for the fourth time this month Wednesday evening, dropping 30 tons of bombs on the beleaguered Japanese base which has been virtually isolated by the swift American drive across the Central Pacific, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

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All Parties in New Italian Cabinet, Sforza, Croce, Ercoli Take Posts

NAPLES, April 21 (UP).—Marshal Pietro Badoglio announced tonight a new war cabinet embracing all the six parties of the Italian Political Junta, to serve until the Allies take Rome, when he and King Victor Emmanuel intend to retire from politics.

Badoglio won a double victory in inducing the Action Party, which alians of the Junta groups had refused cooperation, to join his coalition cabinet and in getting Palmiro Togliatti, Communist leader to join him as Minister without Portfolio.

The new Cabinet ministers, who will meet Monday or Tuesday after taking the oath of office to the

Soviet Marines Drive for Sevastopol



British Hurling Foe Back in India

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, April 21.—The Soviet, British and United States governments are urged to break off diplomatic relations with the Yugoslav Government in Exile, by a writer in War and the Workingclass, Soviet periodical, published here today.

(Although the big three Allied powers regard Marshal Tito's Partisans as Yugoslavia's effective anti-Hitler enemy, they officially recognize the Yugoslav Exile Government in Cairo.)

Sinatra Hitler's occupancy of Yugoslavia three years ago, the author

points out, the people of Yugoslavia have built a regular People's Army and have formed a provisional government: the National Committee of Liberation.

"All these activities have been carried on without the help of the exiled Yugoslav government, and despite its attempts to prevent the development of the liberation struggle," the article charges.

Draja Mihailovich, member of the Exile Government, contacted Hitler's occupation and puppet troops and concluded agreements with Italian and fascist Ustashi troops against the Partisans. These activities were fully approved by Mihailovich's colleagues in Cairo, War and the Working Class main-

tenance.

The Exile Government openly re-

joined at German successes in Yugoslavia last December.

"It is high time the Soviet Government and the governments of the other United Nations break off diplomatic relations with the bankrupt group of Yugoslav officials and police in Cairo who represent nobody but themselves," the article concludes.

Communists drew the important posts of Under Secretaries for War

Public Works—Alberto Tarchiani.

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Nazi Supply Lines Target of Mighty Raids

LONDON, April 21 (UP).—More than 1,100 RAF bombers, carrying the pre-invasion air offensive against Axis Europe to an all-time peak, dropped a record 5,040 tons of bombs on four major rail centers, including Cologne and Paris, early today and Berlin reported at noon that Italy-based U. S. bombers had attacked Bucharest, capital of Romania.

There was no confirmation from U. S. 15th Air Force headquarters in Naples that "major American bomber forces" had pounded Bucharest, but the Nazis said the bombers caused "great devastation" to a working class district and also dropped bombs in southern Romania and Yugoslavia.

The unprecedented RAF assault on German, French and Belgian rail centers controlling military traffic to northern Europe's invasion coasts, carried toward its 22nd hour the war's mightiest and most sustained air offensive in which more than 8,100 British-based warplanes have hurled an estimated 16,800 tons of bombs on northern Europe.

The fleet of British bombers—the largest ever dispatched in a single night—raided more than 1,792 tons on Cologne, attacked large marshalling yards at La Chappelle in Paris' outskirts for two hours without interruption, and left great fires sweeping rail yards at Lens, in the bomb-pitted Pas de Calais region, and at Ottignies, 15 miles southeast of Brussels.

Shattering an all-time record, the mighty force of RAF bombers, in the early hours of this morning, dropped 5,040 tons—about 10 times the heaviest tonnage ever dropped on London by the Luftwaffe in a single night.

The Air Ministry said that Cologne still was vital to the German war effort although the city had been reduced to "a comparatively unimportant center of war production."

Nazis Execute Dutch Communists

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, April 21.—Two Dutch Communist Party leaders were executed by the Gestapo on Jan. 12, according to information received here by "World News and Views."</

Battle Spreading On Far East Front

By a Veteran Commander

THE struggle in the Far East is spreading, geographically speaking, even if the volume of fighting continues to be limited by the size of the forces involved, the character of the theatre and the length of the lines of communication.

While the Japanese continue to develop their offensive in Honan, driving for the junction of Chengchow and making some progress, action has developed on the extreme southern wing where Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten has launched an air-sea attack against certain Japanese strongholds in northwestern Sumatra, which control enemy communications through the Strait of Malacca.

By this action, carried out by a reported powerful British squadron or task force, Mountbatten appears to be trying to cut, or at least disturb, Japanese communications into Burma along the sea sector. So far attempts to cut it in Burma have not met with success.

Mountbatten's action, irrespective of immediate results which cannot be decisive, shows that the British Navy has as much freedom of action in the Indian Ocean as the U.S. Navy has in the central Pacific. The British will probably take advantage of this soon for action against the Andaman Islands which would provide a good base for activity against Rangoon.

In India the situation remains confused. The fact is: we don't know what is going on in Manipur. However, in the Mogaung Valley Gen. Stillwell's Chinese are reported to have encircled a Japanese "division" near the Jade mines.

U.S. fliers continue to attack scores of Japanese bases in the various archipelagos of the central Pacific. The Japanese report that such attacks have even reached the Marianas, between Truk and Japan.

Two thousands Allied aircraft, mainly American, attacked installations along the coast of France. This action was described as the greatest such attack.

NO ACTION around Sevastopol has been reported for the last two days. It seems obvious that the main work of destruction against the enemy garrison is being done at sea by the Soviet Air Force and the Black Sea Fleet, which since the beginning of the Crimean campaign two weeks ago, has sunk 65 ships, many loaded with troops.

Generals Tolbukhin and Yeremenko probably figure that the issue is beyond doubt, and that Red Army lives can be spared by not storming the last defenses of Sevastopol until most of the Nazi garrison has put out to sea and sunk there. Thus the battle for the great port has actually "moved out to sea"—less spectacular than a dashing land assault, but just as effective and considerably cheaper in Soviet lives.

The Germans continue their counter-attacks in the Stanislavov area. Marshal Zhukov is wearing them down, meanwhile attacking southwest of Tarnopol.

The Germans have started a local offensive in the Narva sector. It appears to be a preventive action designed to break up Soviet concentrations in the north. The Soviet Air Force has bombed a number of railroad junctions in the rear of the Narva-Pakov-Ostrov front.

It is to be expected that the Germans, faced with ominous threats on all sides, will now try to dislodge the plans and concentrations of their principal foe on land by desperate stabs at the Soviet lines. We should welcome the Beast's attempts to batter his own head against the Red Army. Even if a few towns and villages should change hands in the near future, this should not upset anybody.

Sheen Asks 'Daily' To Retract: The Facts

(The Worker Foreign Department)

Msgr. Fulton Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, sent a telegram to the *Daily Worker* Thursday morning asking us to retract statements attributed to him, in which he was quoted as having urged a revolution in Mexico last autumn.

The telegram reads:

"The Daily Worker pride itself on telling the truth. We therefore expect it to make a retraction for a statement which it has frequently attributed to me. The facts are these: First, I made no statement at the Eucharistic Congress in Mexico concerning a revolution. Second, on my return to the United States I did make the statement that 'what Mexico needs is a revolution founded not on Marxism, but on the Magnificat of the Blessed Mother; namely, one based on love, in which the humbled are exalted.' Thank you for the courtesy of the retraction."

On Nov. 27, 1943, the *Daily Worker* published a delayed letter from its correspondent in Mexico City, written on Nov. 16. It reported that Mexican public opinion was greatly aroused over news in the Mexican press received from Washington about a statement from Msgr. Fulton Sheen. The statement was made, according to Mexican dispatches from the United Press in Washington, upon Sheen's return from the Eucharistic Congress, held earlier in the Fall.

Sheen was quoted as saying, according to our correspondent:

"What Mexico needs is a revolution. No revolution has been less revolutionary than that of Mexico. Corruption in this is scandalous and total. President Avila Camacho has extra-legally extended some religious liberty. But a government like the Mexican, which denies the justice man owes to God, becomes attached to the secondary justice which man owes to man. Only the religious faith of the people and its Catholic tradition can save Mexico."

More Landing Craft Needed

PITTSBURGH, April 21 (UPI)—The need for increased production of landing craft vital to the forthcoming invasion of Europe was emphasized today by Assistant Secretary of Navy James Forrestal and Charles E. Wilson, Executive Vice President of the War Production Board.

The two government officials flew here from Washington to make inspection visits to the Shipyards of Dravo Corporation and American Bridge Co., down the Ohio River.

Both men praised labor and industry for a "splendid" job in producing the landing craft, and stressed the need for even greater output.

A Russian Girl in Nazi Germany: Zina, Outraged, Hanged Herself

By Ilya Ehrenburg

MOSCOW, April 21 (ICN)—There is something in the word maiden that stirs us by its purity and tenderness. The Russian girl is passionate and stern like our winter girl, sung by Pushkin and Turgenev in our school days, a friend, tender and exacting.

A young soldier carries her letters next to his heart and in battle seems to feel the impact of her passionate breath on his cheek.

Varya Nikolayeva lived in Gatchina. She was 16 when the Germans came. Varya saw people on the gallows and began to cry.

"Stop crying, you scum!" said the German. Varya was deported to Cologne. A tally was suspended from her neck and she was ordered to "work!"

A lame German was in charge of the camp. It was he who punished

offenders. Summoning Nina Kabanova, he ordered her to "undress." He gave thirty lashes of the whip. The lame German was counting the blows. Nina lay motionless, but suddenly she rose and spat at the cripple into his face. She was led away to the torture chamber where she was tortured to death.

Four girls succeeded in getting away from Cologne and came back home. Marfausha Sokolova from Novotroitskaya returned without her right arm; Lena Mamontova from the village of Mikhaylovskaya lost the fingers of her right hand; Shura Chernayeva is blind, and Varya Nikolayeva is mortally ill.

Dante's Inferno had sections. Let us proceed further. The scene is Heidelberg. On Feb. 14 the students on vacation organized a spree. In the home of the parents

of one student there was a Russian girl, Zina Baranova, a so-called "eastern servant." The young Germans forced the girl to undress and then gave her to the winner in dice. I have before me a letter which reads in part: "Zina could not bear the shame . . . Zina hanged herself in the house . . ."

Russian soldier! Hero of Stalingrad, Kursk, Korsun, the Dnepr! Do you hear what the Germans have done with the Russian girl Zina? If you know what love is, if you have a heart throbbing in your breast, you won't forgive this. You will be in Heidelberg. You will find the violators there. You won't refuse the honor of fighting for that girl's honor!

Thousands of our girls are smart and strong. They can and must be saved. They are our girls, our love. They are waiting for us, Russian soldier!

Let's All Back The Attack

34 Nations Agree on Currency Stabilization

Monetary Pact To Help Postwar Reconstruction

WASHINGTON, April 21 (UPI)—Thirty-four nations participating in currency stabilization conferences here have agreed upon the basic principles of an \$8,000,000,000 international monetary fund based on gold in which the United States' quota would be between \$2,500,000,000 and \$2,750,000,000, the Treasury announced tonight.

The Soviet Union made the action unanimous late today.

Great Britain would be the second largest quota-nation with \$1,250,000,000.

The Soviet Union's share would be \$1,000,000,000. The big gold-holding nations would be obliged to use gold for 25 per cent of their quota.

The \$1,800,000,000 now in the U.S. Treasury's currency stabilization fund would be used to foot part of the American bill. Congress would have to appropriate the balance.

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., presented the agreement of technical experts on principles to closed meetings of House and Senate committees earlier today.

FAVORABLE REACTION

"I am happy to say," Morgenthau told Congress, "that the President has authorized me to state that if an international conference is held, it is his intention to invite direct congressional participation in the work of the United States' delegation." The immediate reaction in Congress was favorable.

Agreement on another phase of post-war international monetary plan—United Nations bank for reconstruction and development—has not yet been reached. But Morgenthau said that a statement of recommendations for a world bank is being prepared by technicians.

Earlier proposals suggested such a bank with capital of about \$10,000,000—the United States to provide about one-third—to encourage private international investment and to make such investments when private sources could not take the risk.

The principles of currency stabilization now agreed upon are an amalgamation of the original American and British proposals made by U.S. Treasury economist Harry D. White and British economist John Maynard Keynes, respectively, last spring.

The present plan represents a victory on a major point for White inasmuch as it is based primarily upon gold and gold holdings of member nations, whereas Keynes would have relegated gold to a secondary role, letting the amount of pre-war trade fix the number of shares and voting power of each nation.

Both Morgenthau and White claimed that it was a "victory," however, asserting that the important thing was that all participants in the discussions have now agreed upon principles.

It has been known for some time that the United States was insisting upon making gold the basis of currency stabilization. The Americans were supported by the Soviets.

Soviets to Get U.S. Telephone Aid

American equipment is likely to be utilized in the improvement and rehabilitation of the Soviet telephone system, spokesmen of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. indicated yesterday.

A group of four or five leading telephone engineers is expected to go to the Soviet Union as soon as plans are completed, to study and report on its telephone needs.

This assistance to the Soviet communications system will probably become an important outlet for the American-owned company's growing manufacturing facilities, according to yesterday's press.

Jitterbugs at Anzio



Report Codovilla Seriously Sick, Press for Release

By Efren Farrell
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—Victoriano Codovilla, imprisoned Argentine Communist leader, is in serious danger of his life, Mexican Government spokesman told me today.

On February 7, prior to the Farrell coup in Argentina, President Ramiro had agreed to Mexican President Camacho's request that Codovilla be released and permitted to proceed to Mexico.

According to Article 23 of the Argentine constitution, political prisoners arrested during a state of siege have the unconditional right to leave the country. The Supreme Court of Appeals upheld this right in Codovilla's case, provided that sanctuary could be found.

The Government of Mexico offered him sanctuary. Nevertheless he has not been released.

The prison of Rio Gallegos where Codovilla is incarcerated is in Argentina's far south. It is cold, dark, noxious. After almost a year and a half in prison, it is feared that 50-year-old Codovilla is in serious ill health.

Publi opinion in Mexico and throughout Latin America is aroused at the continued failure to release the well-known anti-fascist leader. An intense campaign for his liberation is being undertaken here. It is urged that protests be sent to the Government of Argentina.

The freeing of Codovilla, whose anti-Axis activities in Argentina and in Spain are known and respected here, would be considered an aid to the cause of the United Nations.

PACCIARDI ALONE GETS VISA

Precisely in the week that the State Department's own policies are at last being carried out, somebody in the State Department has given none other than Paciardi permission to return to Italy. I am reliably informed.

But Donini and Berti, among others, whose long fight for a genuine anti-Hitler government in Italy has now been climaxed in victory, are still getting the run-around.

This fantastic bit of double standard diplomacy cannot possibly come from the Secretary of State. But it must come to his attention lest some underling get away with a mockery of Mr. Hull's own policies.

The case of these Yugoslav exiles begins last October, when they applied for permission to return to the homeland from which Mussolini had exiled them. At that time, Donini, Paciardi, and Berti shared the same general views. Prominent Americans interceded on their behalf. Dozens of leading Italian-American organizations of many kinds wrote to the State Department. The Committee of Liberation in Italy itself asked for their return. But the State Department replied that it was up to the "military."

WHY THE SUDDEN CHANGE

Since then, the Allied Mediterranean commander, Gen. Henry Maitland-Wilson, has returned the Tito's units to the State Department. Tito's Partisan detachments "attack enemy garrisons and patrols every day," the broadcast said.

The enemy is suffering very losses in the bitter struggle east of Nikopol and the important road junction northwest of Podgorica, a broadcast reported today.

Continuous fighting in the Dalmatian Islands group was reported by the Free Yugoslav radio.

According to U.S. Government monitors, Tito's Partisan detachments are in getting all forces together in Italy.

But Paciardi, like Donini and Berti were detained in this country until, fantastic as it may sound, Paciardi came out against the State Department's avowed policy. Then he was suddenly granted permission to return to Italy, even though he opposes everything that's happening there.

Meanwhile, Giuseppe Berti, famous throughout Sicily and Italy for his consistent anti-fascism, wrote to the British Embassy asking them to intercede with the British general, Maitland-Wilson.

On April 12 Ambassador Lord Halifax replied that the matter rests with the State Department, which had previously insisted that the matter rests with the "military," declared Berti, but agreed in the case of Paciardi. The views of Donini and Berti on Italy coincided with those

of the British Embassy.

Jack DeMerschant sang a number

of songs and the actress Dina Halpern, who came to this country five years ago and whose entire family remained in the Warsaw Ghetto, delivered a few recitations by the Soviet poet Itzik Feffer. Her personal tragedy and the great emotion which she poured into the recitations moved the crowd deeply.

Charge Argentine, Bolivia ILO Delegates Have Fascist Ties

(By Cable to Allied Labor News)

MONTEVIDE, April 21.—The two labor delegations sent by the Argentine government to the International Labor Office conference in Philadelphia, as well as the head of the Bolivian delegation, are closely connected with fascist groups, it was learned here this week.

The Argentine delegates, Luis Girela and Alfredo Pidana, are said to be firm partisans of Col. Juan Domingo Peron, who is head of the "Colonel's Lodge," the National Labor Department and Minister of War. Girela and Pidana, leaders of the government-sponsored railway and shoemakers unions, respectively, have cooperated with Col. Peron's efforts to take over the trade unions.

On orders of Jose Dominguez, former head of a government-supported trade union organization, Pidana expelled many members of his union for supporting the Farrell-Peron regime.

Victor Andrade, Bolivian Minister of Labor, is a former member of the fascist "Iron Star" group, and his brother-in-law, Hugo Salinas Tapia, now private secretary to President Villarroel, is a member of the Falange. Andrade is said to have ambitions to become political leader of the Bolivian Falange.

A strong opponent of the Confederation of Bolivian Workers (CSTB) and the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL), Andrade was opposed to inviting CTAL president Vicente Lombardo Toledano to visit Bolivia. The CSTB considers him "a skillful demagogue" opposed to bona fide unions.

The Bolivian labor delegate, Enrique Saavedra, is one of a group of union leaders supporting the Bolivian junta, while the employers' representative is Eduardo Pajares, secretary to Simon Patino, the country's leading tin magnate.

(By Cable to Allied Labor News)

BOMBAY, April 21.—The All-India Trades Union Congress this week sharply protested the appointment by the British government of a representative of the Indian Federation of Labor as workers' delegate to the ILO conference in Philadelphia.

The ILO split away from the AITUC in November, 1941. The explanation given by the government for its choice was its inability to ascertain which of the two organizations was more representative of Indian labor.

Commenting on this explanation, AITUC president S. A. Dange said: "The AITUC wrote to the government last January 5 asking that it examine the credentials of both organizations before making the appointment. II, even so, the government did not have time to explore which organization was more representative, it should have given the nomination to the AITUC, which for the last twenty years has almost continuously represented Indian labor at ILO conferences."

Alleging that the government's choice was dictated by political considerations, Dange said that the ILO, as a staunch supporter of British policy, had upheld the imprisonment of Indian national leaders and the prolonging of the political deadlock so as to thwart Indian independence.

R. B. Ambedkar, Labor member of the Viceroy's executive council, recently revealed in the Assembly that the ILO receives a monthly grant of 13,000 rupees (\$4,380) from the British "for doing propaganda to keep up industrial labor morale."

In Indian delegations to the world labor conference in London in June have been granted passports, Dange said.

Consumers Hit by 2c Poultry Boost Here

Vinson Concedes To Big Farmers; In Effect Thursday

The two-cent per pound price increase for poultry ordered by the Office of Economic Stabilization will go into effect throughout the metropolitan area Thursday, April 27. Daniel P. Woolley, regional administrator of the Office of Price Administration, said yesterday.

The increase which will cost consumers an estimated \$15,000,000 was seen as a concession to large poultry farmers and wholesalers who had been clamoring for a price boost and threatening a strike unless it was forthcoming.

The new boost in the cost of living was deployed by consumer leaders here not only because consumers are forced to purchase poultry, since it is an unrationed meat, but because price increase was seen as a spur to meat dealers to break all price ceilings.

The rise was approved by Fred M. Vinson, Office of Economic Stabilization director, even though Vinson has appeared before Senate Banking and Currency Committee to plead the case against inflation.

PRICES GOES UP

Consumers will now pay for:

Dressed broilers, fryers, roasters and light capons 40 cents per pound in groups 1 and 2 stores and 47 cents in group three and four stores.

Dressed fowl 43 cents in all stores.

Live broilers, fryers, roasters and light capons 41 cents in all stores.

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The price increase is expected to continue through June, 1945 in order to encourage greater production and marketing, according to OES. While the adjustment is made only at the producer level, the increase will be passed on to the consumer, as usual.

Pennsylvania AFL Back 4th Term

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sters, Edward Flory of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers and Harry Brown of the Machinists were Roosevelt supporters.

A revealing role was played by the ILGWU delegates. The Dubinsky group had a delegate on the political action committee, whose attempt to obstruct a forthright draft-Roosevelt vote was defeated.

At today's turbulent session, when it was obvious that the convention was all out for Roosevelt, I. Zimmerman, Dubinsky representative in Scranton, got on the bandwagon. He proposed the draft-Roosevelt resolution, the first time any ILGWU spokesman had come out openly for drafting Roosevelt.

Samuel Otto, state leader of the Dubinsky forces, manager of the Philadelphia ILG joint board, and an AFL vice president, however, spoke twice against endorsing Congressman Francis Meyers for Senator against Sen. James Davis.

The sentiment of the convention was overwhelming for Meyers, as a strong Roosevelt supporter. The matter came up for action as the delegates were leaving after their draft-Roosevelt victory. With the help of Otto, the recommendation of the political action committee, not to endorse either Davis or Meyers was carried without the chance for a struggle to develop.

Nick Lazar, of the Pittsburgh Hotel and Restaurant Workers, delegate Gibson, of the same union; Jules Abercaph, of the Jewelery Workers played a leading role to carry the day for Roosevelt.

OTHER ISSUES

The convention backed: The Fair Employment Practices Committee, closure on the anti-poll tax bill, price control, subsidies, and adjustment of the Little Steel formula. Proposals to send delegates to the London World Labor Congress, and for international labor unity, were not accepted.

President James McDevitt, who was re-elected with other officers, presided. In a half-hour speech he told the delegates he would carry the ball on the draft-Roosevelt issue if they would provide the inference. The inference was that he had been under pressure from the executive council, but would follow the orders of the convention.

Kings ALP Calls 'Draft FDR' Dinner

The American Labor Party of Kings County yesterday announced plans for a "Draft Roosevelt" dinner to be held at the Hotel Commodore on Friday evening, May 12.

The principal speakers will be Albert Fitzgerald, international president of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers and a delegation to the London International Trade Union Conference. The other speaker will be the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, former Councilman and candidate for Congress.

Eric Johnston Says His Book Aims to Win Unity in Post War

By Dorothy Loeb

Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, has written a book designed to win American capitalists for post-war capacity production, national unity and international cooperation—"America Unlimited."

Johnston, who told the press about his book and some of his own views yesterday at his publisher's office, Doubleday, Doran & Co., disclaimed at the outset any pretenses of "Pollyanna" hopes for the future.

National unity, he said, will have to be fought for and he sees it as worth fighting for in hard, cold terms of dollars and cents dividends.

His goal—and he wrote the book to advance it—is to achieve a greater middle class for America with fewer at the top and fewer at the bottom. That means higher wages, higher production and a greater volume of trade with foreign countries, based not on old-time imperialism but on cooperation with other nations, he explained.

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in this drive for extended post-war trade. After the first World War capitalists burned their fingers with bonds that proved worthless and gold that proved useless. This has shown the need for exchange of goods, equipment, machinery and skills, he asserted.

Cooperation with the Soviet Union is an indispensable part of such a program, he added.

"If we want to avoid another great war, we must have cooperation of the great nations of the world," he said. "The exchange of goods is one of the best, most deeply rooted, methods of giving a firm foundation to this cooperation."

Johnston leaves early in May for the Soviet Union, which he will visit as their guest. He was asked why he was going.

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Bricks to Build Democracy



Frederick N. Myers, vice-president, National Maritime Union buys a brick from George Squier, Jefferson School instructor of "Trade Union Principles and Practices" and director, Trade Union and Extension Division in the school's current Fund Drive to raise \$35,000 to expand the facilities of this People's University. The bricks bound in smart booklets come in denominations ranging from \$1.00 upwards.

—Daily Worker Photo

Building with Bricks At Jefferson School

Perhaps the best way to illustrate the reason for the current fund drive of the Jefferson School of Social Science is to cite the case of the disappointed would-be-student who was turned away from the first term because all classes were filled.

Then and there he donated \$50. He said it was toward expanding the facilities so that others would not be similarly disappointed in the future.

"The Jefferson School certainly fulfills a great need not only for active trade unionists, but for the people generally," Frederick Myers, NMU vice-president said the other day as he bought a brick in the current drive to raise \$35,000. "Recognizing as it does, labor's dynamic role in determining the shape of the world to come, it is invaluable at the present time. Every union member should attend."

Students are so enthusiastic about the school, they are taking a most active part in supporting the drive. Armed with bricks—not the real kind—but ones on paper, bound smartly in booklets, they are busy getting contributions, the bricks come in denominations ranging from \$1 and upwards. The windup of the drive and the first term of the school takes place on May 18. The student council is planning a huge dance—they feel especially proud of being the students of the first term.

GOAL OF 5,000

Most active in the current fund drive too are the people who were turned away for the first term—they were 1,000. The school's plans for the fall include a goal of 5,000 students, a larger curriculum, and greatly expanded program of public forums, lectures, concerts; a Jefferson School Press for the publication of research and creative material as well as recreation and lounge facilities for the students.

HR-7 and a vote for cloture.

The New York State Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, meanwhile, announced that the first mass delegation to anti-poll tax senators would arrive in Washington Tuesday. It urged other organizations to join the demonstration.

"We must also let Sen. Mead know that despite the fact that HR-7 has not been called up," said the Rev. Richard Morford, chairman of the committee, "our hope is still pinned on him to fight for the bill."

NAACP Wires Sen. Mead On Delay in Poll Tax Action

Landlords Coining Dough—Want More

Manhattan's apartment buildings packed to the gills are experiencing the highest level of occupancy on record, with vacancies virtually non-existent. This doesn't deter landlords from petitioning the Office of Price Administration for a 10 per cent rise in rent ceilings.

Of the borough's 321,765 modern units, less than one per cent are now unoccupied. Realtors report frantic search for dwellings by tenants and members of the armed forces stationed here. Some prospective tenants have even scanned newspaper obituary columns for "leads" on possible new vacancies.

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Will Cut Mutton, Lamb Ration Points

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Congress--and YOU

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

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ANTI-POLL TAX BILL: Friends

of this legislation are becoming

alarmed about the "silent filibuster" in the Senate. No date has

yet been fixed for Senate considera-

tion of the measure. Be sure and

tell majority leader Alben Barkley

and Senator James Mead of New

York that you urge prompt con-

sideration of this vital war mea-

sures by the Senate.

PRICE CONTROL: Renewal of

the Price Control Act will soon

be before the House and the Sen-

ate. Let your Senators and your

Congressmen know that you are

for passage of this legislation

without crippling amendments.

G.I. BILL: Rep. John Rankin

of Mississippi is now trying to do

another job on the nation's ser-

vicemen. Rankin is blocking prompt

action on the G.I. for security and

job opportunities for servicemen.

It is very urgent that all members

of the House find out that their

constituents want speedy passa-

ge for the G.I. Without any scaling

down of security provisions as

urged by Rankin.

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Union Lookout

There's a story behind the International Typographical Union decision to hold a convention this year. The vote, decided in referendum, is a tip on the way the wind is blowing in the elections this oldest of American unions will hold May 17. Claude H. Baker, president, is leader of the ITU Independent Party, which wanted to skip the national meeting this year as it was skipped last year. Woodruff Randolph, national secretary-treasurer, is leader of the Progressive Party, which wanted a meeting. Randolph is running again Baker for the presidency. Victory on the convention issue indicates Progressives have the edge in the election race. The convention, incidentally, will take place in Grand Rapids, Mich., in August.

This war has placed in doubt that old saw about the pen being mightier than the sword. But, appropriately enough, the *Newspaper Guild* of New York comes along with news which shows that the pen is holding its own. PFC Martin Harris, former PM photographer, wrote the *Guild* from Italy that Yugoslavian partisans had met said they were receiving normal supplies adequately but they needed fountain pens. Harris proposed that the *Guild* supply them. His proposal was accepted and Guildsmen are turning in their old models and contributing money to buy new cheap ones to help Tito's Army of Liberation.

What is probably the biggest single issue of an American labor paper has just rolled off the presses of Wholesale and Warehouse Local 65, CIO. The anniversary edition of its organ "New Voices" provides enough reading matter and pictures to keep members busy until the next anniversary rolls around. There are some 200 pages in six lavishly-illustrated sections that tell the story of the union and its 12,000 members at work and 7,000 others in the armed forces. One entire section is devoted to members in uniform, listing their names and presenting dramatic snapshots from the fronts and camps. Another features the union on the job and gives a vivid picture of the war industry and its relationship to winning the war.

The anniversary issue includes also a section containing anniversary greetings from important personalities. Gov. Dewey might be pleased at first glance at the break his message got. It's printed and so is his picture. But his Hoover ties and presidential aspirations leave Local 65 cold, as the story goes with the message explains in detail the Governor's "political maneuverings" and concludes with a sentence that says "65ers will put their ballots solidly behind a real win-the-war leader—Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

One-third of the 4,000 students registered at the Jefferson School of Social Science, are active trade unionists. They come from 20 CIO and 21 AFL locals, according to George Squier, director of the school's Trade Union Division. It's a sign of the times that 80 per cent of the laborites are women. The school is now completing plans for its second term beginning May 15 and continuing through June. Registration for the new session starts May 8.

Five CIO department store locals have combined to launch a drive to organize the unorganized in the New York area. Eli Halpern, business agent of Gimbel-Saks Local 2, has been put in charge. . . . William Moody, editor of the New York CIO department store union's paper, has resigned to accept a post with the National Maritime Union. He'll be publicity director for a Great Lakes organizing drive. . . . The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians (why don't they get a shorter name?) will hear Vernon Demars, noted architect, next Wednesday night at Room 812, 5 Beekman St., 8 o'clock. His lecture is the third of a series on planning sponsored by Chapter 31.

Dubinsky Aide Kills Anti-Coughlin Move

By Walter Lowenfels

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WILKES-BARRE, April 21.—A resolution condemning anti-Semitic Father Coughlin was killed at the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor "convention" by lieutenants of David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

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Endorses Byrnes' Plan; Condemns Rankin Move

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WASHINGTON, April 21.—The CIO today endorsed the proposal of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, for federal benefits to supplement state unemployment compensation in order to solve the problems of war workers during the reconversion period.

At the same time, the CIO reaffirmed its full support for the GI Bill of Rights assuring security for veterans which is being held up in the House by Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi.

The CIO position was stated by its national legislative director, Nathan Cowan, in response to an attack on the GI Bill by Rankin. Rankin served notice that he would hold out against CIO demands for prompt action on the measure.

Rankin declared that he opposed payment of unemployment compensation to veterans because it would come to an annual cost of \$50,000,000.

Mr. Rankin's view of the post-war period clearly is catastrophic, Cowan retorted. "He is assuming that every one of the 10,000,000 men and women in the armed service will need to draw an average of \$500 apiece in unemployment compensation for a period averaging 25 weeks."

The CIO takes the view that continued full employment will protect the American economy from any serious complication resulting from demobilization. If present production levels are maintained we will be able easily to carry the burdens of unemployment compensation and other costs of demobilization.

Cowan said that the CIO "agrees" with the Byrnes plan and with the GI Bill as methods of assuring security both to veterans and war workers during the transition period.

The CIO legislative director also pointed out that the GI bill which is being held up by Rankin not only provides unemployment compensation for veterans but also assures them hospitalization, education, vocational training and loans for homes, farms and businesses.

Plenty of Eggs Prices Still High

That is the question Mayor LaGuardia placed before OPA, the Department of Markets and representatives of producers, wholesalers and retailers at a City Hall conference yesterday.

But it appears the little oval commodities—which are plentiful these days—will cost the consumer just as much next week as they cost today.

When the conference ended the Mayor told reporters that beginning Monday Grade A large eggs which have a ceiling price of 33 cents, will sell for 45 to 47 cents, without carton. Grade B eggs, he said, will sell at 39 cents, without carton.

These prices, however, are those prevailing today. And the Mayor did not explain why he was unable to secure the further reduction which, he said in his radio broadcast last Sunday, he would seek.

Attending the meeting were Commissioners of Markets Henry M. Brundage; Daniel P. Woolley, director of the Central Office; Chester A. Hainen, state supervisor of the Food Distribution Administration, and C. B. Rader, manager of the N. Y. Mercantile Exchange, and representatives of the producers, wholesalers and retailers.

SATISFIED COUGHLIN

Withdrawal of the Harrisburg resolution satisfies Coughlin. And it allows the ILGWU membership to be told that "the forces against the resolution were too powerful."

The Dubinsky people's contribution to Coughlin is written into the convention proceedings. In the synopsis of the convention appears the following item:

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'Music Dial' Presents Jam Sessions

By Jane Seymour

A Jam Session in action at the Heat Wave. Lucky Thompson, formerly of Lionel Hampton's Orchestra, taking off on a hot chorus. Wearing smoked glasses is Sammy Baeskin, pianist with Don Redman. Foreground "digging" Lucky is Tiny Grimes, guitarist with the Art Tatum trio. Others are "B. u. c. h." Jones, bassist of Louis McLeal's Orchestra; Iron Jaw, the novel dancer and the featured trombonist of the Lionel Hampton crew.

The music is provided by Louis Metcalf and his Outback Kings. The series which starts this Sunday will have sitting in with the band many greats of the music world, such as Roy Eldridge, Syd Catlett, Lester Young, Teddy Wilson.

The Jam Sessions, which are expected to bring people from near and far, are being presented by the "Music Dial," a monthly magazine, published by a group of progressive musicians, who feel that some things in the music world need a lot of correcting and are doing something about it.

These musicians feel that there is a real need for a medium of expression which will bring to the musicians and performers of Harlem and the rest of the country a knowledge of who is fighting for

the full participation of the Negro artists in the entertainment world.

To this end, "Music Dial" was published as a pamphlet. After a few issues it became a full-fledged magazine. Today it is believed to be the fastest growing publication of its kind in the country.

At its very beginning, "Music Dial" was endorsed and given support by such outstanding musicians and professionals as Teddy Wilson, Canada Lee, Roy Eldridge, Ben Webster, Cass Carr, Count Basie, Nicolas Vitalo, John Hammond and Hyacinth Grossman.

The publishers are five musicians. The entire job of editing, proofreading, distribution, etc., all the

countless tasks that are required to put out a magazine of this kind, is carried out by men, who after working till the wee hours in some night club of dance hall, labor many hours during the day to steer the magazine along its progressive course.

"Who are these men?" you ask. Well, there's Ray Parker, Louis Metcalf, John Gibson, Jimmie Butts and S. W. Thompson. You can meet them any Sunday afternoon along with the others at the Jam Sessions we just told you about.

"Well, all right then," will be expecting to see you at the Heat Wave,

226 West 146th St., from 4 to 8:30 P.M. starting this Sunday.

NEW FILMS

"Knickerbocker Holiday" At the Victoria

KNICKERBOCKER HOLIDAY, comes up by David Raksin and Howard Leigh, adapted by Thomas Lipton, from the stage play by Maxwell Anderson and Kurt Weill, directed by Harry Joe Brown, presented by the Producers Corp. of America; a United Artists release, with Nelson Eddy, Charles Coburn, Constance Dowling, Otto Kruger, Fritz Feld, Carmen Amaya, Ernest Chastell. At the Victoria.

By Frank Antico

The humor of "Knickerbocker Holiday" rings as wooden as old Peter Stuyvesant's pegleg. The original musical play by Maxwell Anderson and Kurt Weill may not have shaken a more effective foot at the foibles of the New Amsterdam Yankees, but it was more sapiently directed.

The film makes an effort, by brute force, to place the incongruities of another age in the laughing-stock of this one. One of the indispensables for such a task is a herculean sense of laughter at one's own fancies. Lacking this, a grinning look at the past becomes a rude intrusion into our forefathers' private and public idiosyncrasies.

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FOR THE DEFENSE



An 'Innocent' Question

THE DAILY NEWS, N. Y. member of the McCormick-Patterson press axis, is evidently uncomfortable at seeing its friends on trial for sedition in Washington. Suddenly, therefore, the News pops out with the innocent-sounding question: "What is a fascist?"

This is a strange question coming in the third year of America's war on fascism.

Is there anyone in America who doesn't know what fascism is? Fascism means brutality, slavery over other peoples. The Hitler fascists threatened to impose their system on us, with all its anti-Semitism, anti-Negro poison, its turning back the calendar to the Middle Ages, its attempt to wipe out everything in civilization, including Christianity itself.

That is why we are at war. That is why American boys are fighting and dying. Could there be a better reason?

Americans are learning more about fascism every day. And they are getting wise to the dangers of the so-called home-grown variety of fascists and of their connections with our enemies abroad. That is the meaning of the present trial in Washington.

But this trial makes the Daily News nervous. After all, the defendants are being tried for publishing the kind of material in which the Daily News specializes. If they are found guilty of sedition, where does that leave the News?

Also the News would like the people to ignore the real issue in the coming presidential campaign. In this contest, the forces of fascism, negotiated peace and reaction are using the Republican Party as their vehicle. They already have great influence in the GOP. That is why the people in increasing numbers are seeing the need to defeat the GOP and are insisting that President Roosevelt run for a fourth term.

The News pretends that "fascist" is a foreign word—merely an epithet invented by the "Communists"—and implores us to use good old "American-sounding" words. Curiously enough, the election vocabulary recommended by the News includes such terms as "Kluxer" and "Copperhead." But was there ever anything "American" about bigotry and treachery?

If anyone wants to know a little more about the propaganda methods of fascism let him study the Daily News, in fact the very editorial we are here discussing. There the reader will find all the practices of deceit and falsehood with which fascism attempts to confuse and ensnare the mind of the unwary.

For example: the News editorial includes the following paragraph (the emphasis is ours):

"Well what is a Fascist really? Originally he was a member of Mussolini's Blackshirt crowd which in 1922 grabbed Italy from the Communists. Then it took on the additional connotation of Italian and German participation against Soviet participation in Spain's civil war."

This brief paragraph contains two big lies. The first is that Mussolini "rescued" Italy from the Communists. This lie was first invented by Mussolini himself to cover up the fact that he and his Black Shirt gangs and the reactionary financiers behind him, were wiping out a democratic government and launching unspeakable brutalities against all democratic forces, including the Communists.

Lie No. 2 is that Italy and Germany were active in Spain in order to stop Soviet intervention. Here is another lie invented by Hitler and Mussolini and now peddled by the News. The truth, of course, is that Hitler

and Mussolini intervened in Spain to overthrow the legally elected Republic and to give themselves a base for the coming world war, while the Soviet Union alone of the big democratic powers came to the aid of the embattled Loyalists.

The News notwithstanding, the American people will discuss fascism more, not less, in the near future. It is to be hoped they will also clamp down once and for all on the fascists here at home, on the press that supports them and on those financial interests that are plotting a fascist America and another world war.

Mikhailovitch Again

IN a busy port of southern Italy, American soldiers and sailors are working hard to bring heavy guns, foodstuffs, ammunition to Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Liberation Army. American captains have been reported assisting the partisans to recapture strategic islands in the Adriatic. Everywhere that our fighting men go, the genius of Tito is justly celebrated. "Yank," the army service paper, has published something of his fighting record. Churchill, in his Feb. 22 speech acknowledged the unity of all Yugoslav patriots behind Tito. And he simultaneously admitted that Mikhailovitch, the government-in-exile's war minister, was a traitor.

Talk about the morale of our soldiers—what would they think of the present campaign here at home on behalf of Mikhailovitch and his discredited government? What would they think of our major newspapers giving space to alleged emissaries from Mikhailovitch who heap insult and slander on Tito's armies and aims? What would they think of the "March of Time" program Thursday night that gave this same emissary the occasion to befriend American minds on this issue? Especially since it was "March of Time" just about a year ago which contributed in informing the American people of what was really happening in Yugoslavia.

The campaign is undoubtedly organized. It is organized by the government-in-exile which feels that its days are numbered. It is organized by Constantine Fotich, the ambassador who abuses the name of Yugoslavia in Washington. It's obvious from King Peter's speech that the government-in-exile's negotiations in London have not produced favorable results. In desperation, therefore, the old regime trotted out all the exploded arguments against Marshal Tito's provisional government.

The charge of "Communist terror" needs no refutation. Everyone knows that large sections of Yugoslavia are functioning today by democratic will of their embattled people. Everyone knows that Tito's government embraces Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Catholics and Orthodox, Mohammedans and Jews. And only Hitler claims this program to be Communism.

The argument that Mikhailovitch can expand his forces tenfold if the Allies will send arms is the same we have heard for three years. It is just a way of evading responsibility for the fact that Mikhailovitch has not fought the enemy, and has in fact cooperated with it.

It is time that the government-in-exile were given no further encouragement from this country. There is no reason why Mikhailovitch emissaries get airplane travel facilities, no reason why Fotich is allowed to draw on the funds of a people he betrays; no reason, in fact, why the government-in-exile should be given diplomatic recognition any longer.

Dewey and the Milk Gougers--
2 Stories to Remember in Fall

By Max Gordon

There is a distinct connection between the current fight of the Dewey Administration against OPA and the move of State Republican leaders to put Henry H. Rathbun, vice-president of the Dairymen's League on the GOP state executive committee.

The stories of both these developments broke in the press the same day.

The facts in the battle of State Agricultural Commissioner Chester C. DuMond to break OPA milk prices are briefly these:

DuMond dug up a 1937 state law which sets up bargaining agencies of producers' organizations in various areas. When a bargaining agency representing 35 per cent of the producers in an area petition for a marketing order increasing the price of milk, the commissioner must hold a hearing and conduct a referendum for acceptance of the order.

DuMond did this in the Albany-Troy area, setting the prior to be paid to the farmer by the dealer at 60 cents a hundredweight more than the OPA ceiling. OPA has insisted that federal regulations take precedence over state laws, but DuMond has said that his intent is to ignore OPA. The result will be a 2 cent a quart increase to the consumer in that area and intensified agitation for similar increases to farmers shipping to New York City.

Now to get to Rathbun. On the very day DuMond issued his defiant challenge to OPA, Roland Marvin, powerful GOP figure in central New York, announced he was willing to retire from the State Executive Committee if Jaekle wanted to put Rathbun in his place. Marvin was the sole Republican county leader who opposed Dewey's nomination for President. He has always been a Willkie man but declared for Dewey after Willkie's elimination.

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Now the state bargaining agency law is so rigged that the agencies are controlled by the so-called large cooperatives, the Borden-dominated Dairymen's League and the Shefner-dominated Eastern Producers. The Dairymen's League is particularly powerful in the Albany-Troy area. It could have petitioned for a price increase at any time. Why does it do it at this moment, when the battle to continue OPA is opening up in Congress?

The answer lies in the fact that

the League is one of the most powerful and influential outfit in the national Farm Lobby, which has been the backbone of the fight against subsidies and all other aspects of price control.

It has also led the battle against the Farm Security Administration and against every effort of the Administration to assist the small farmer to step up his production.

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